

2023 Printers Row Lit Fest Schedule

Saturday, September 9

10 a.m.

Center Stage - Children's Programming - Miss Chinatown 2023 Amy Xie will tell the story of "Chang'E and Houyi Goddess of the Moon." Presented by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

(10:30 a.m.) - Children's Programming - Storybook Parade led by The Yin He Dancers and the Chicago Public Library's Great Horned Owl.

North Stage - *Chicago Mosaic: Immigrant Stories of Objects Kept, Lost, or Left Behind*. Readings by and discussion with contributors. Published by Big Shoulders Press. Edited by Chris Green and Amy Tyson.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Innovative Lit - Talia Lakshmi Kolluri, *What We Fed to the Manticore* and Dawn Raffel, *Boundless as the Sky* in conversation with billy lombardo.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Jamila Minnicks, *Moonrise Over New Jessup* in conversation with Dawn Turner.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Middle-Grade Fiction - Magic, Myths, and Mysteries. Zetta Elliott, *The Enchanted Bridge* and Keir Graff, *Minerva Keen's Detective Club* and Karla Arenas Valenti, *Lotería* in conversation with Skyler Schrempp.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - The Ordinary and Outlandish in Short Stories - Janice Deal, *Strange Attractors: The Ephrem Stories*, Ling Ma, *Bliss Montage* and Cleo Qian, *LET'S GO LET'S GO LET'S GO* in conversation with Donald G. Evans.

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Center Stage - Children's Programming - Bubbles and Bookmarks Dance Party with Booked.

(11:30 a.m.) - Children's Storytelling - Reading by and discussion with Cozbi A. Cabrera, *Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking*, Edna Lewis and Jarrett Dapier, *Mr. Watson's Chickens* in conversation with Betsy Haberl, Booked.

North Stage - Fiction Takes Flight: Imagine, Experiment, Research, and Play - Michael Czyzniejewski, *The Amnesiac in the Maze*; Ashley Wurzbacher, *How to Care for a Human Girl*; Sarah Layden, *Imagine Your Life Like This*.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - (11:15 a.m.) – Welcome by Commissioner Erin Harkey, Dept. of Cultural Affairs & Special Events (DCASE), Chicago Public Library Commissioner Chris Brown, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, and Janice Feinberg, Bessie & Joseph Foundation.

Program to follow featuring 2023 Pulitzer Prize Winners for Nonfiction Toluse Olorunnipa and Robert Samuels, authors of *His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice* in conversation with Natalie Moore, WBEZ.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - John D'Emilio, *Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood: Coming of Age in the Sixties* in conversation with Vicki Quade.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Identity Shifts: Hidden Truths - Dan Clay, *Becoming a Queen* and Rioghnach Robinson, *Look No Further* in conversation with Rachel Bertsche.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - Historical Fiction - Suzette Mayr, *The Sleeping Car Porter* and Gioia Diliberto, *Coco at the Ritz* in conversation with Amina Gautier.

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Center Stage - (12:30 p.m.) - Anarchy and Ink: Historians and Fiction Writers Talk Punk - Heather Augustyn, *Rude Girls: Women in 2 Tone and One Step Beyond*, Kyle Decker, *This Rancid Mill: An Alex Damage Novel*, and Jen B. Larson, *Hit Girls: Women of Punk in the USA, 1975-1983*, and Jim Ruland, *Make It Stop* in conversation with Tony Tavano.

North Stage - (12:30 p.m.) Sunday Salon Chicago Presents: Dr. Taylor Byas, *I Done Clicked My Heels Three Times*, Carolina Hotchandani, *The Book Eaters*, Elizabeth Joy Levinson, *Uncomfortable Ecologies*, and José Olivarez, *Promises of Gold*. Emceed by Ignatius Valentine Aloysius, Host and Curator.

*This edition of SuSa Chicago occurs on Saturday

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage – (12:30 p.m.) Curtis Sittenfeld, *Romantic Comedy* in conversation with Susie An, WBEZ.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Dr. Arline T Geronimus, *Weathering: The Extraordinary Stress of Ordinary Life in an Unjust Society* in conversation with Cassandra West, *Crain's*.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Horror and Thriller Writing - Juan Martinez, *Extended Stay* and Cynthia Pelayo, *The Shoemaker's Magician* in conversation with Jeremy T. Wilson.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - Contemporary Tempests - James Kennedy, *Bride of the Tornado* and Glenn Taylor, *The Songs of Betty Baach* in conversation with Lina Ferreira Cabeza-Vanegas.

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Center Stage - (1:30 p.m.) - Mark Guarino, *Country and Midwestern: Chicago in the History of Country Music and the Folk Revival* in conversation with Rick Kogan, WGN. Music by Jon Langford.

North Stage - (1:30 p.m.) - "This is how love arrives" - Featuring Syrian Poet Adonis in conversation with Faisal Mohyuddin. Translator: Modar Hourani.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - (1:30 p.m.) - That Which Consumes Us - Lisa Hsiao Chen, *Activities of Daily Living* and Julia Fine, *Maddalena and the Dark* in conversation with Michelle Falkoff.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Jon Eig, *King: A Life* in conversation with Scoop Jackson.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Secrets - Elysha Chang, *A Quitter's Paradise* and Rita Woods, *The Last Dreamwalker* in conversation with Eileen Favorite.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - Nash Jenkins, *Foster Dade Explores the Cosmos* in conversation with Frank Tempone.

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Center Stage - (2:30 p.m.) - Banned Books - Featuring Jessie Ann Foley, Ami Polonsky, and Erika L. Sánchez. Presented by the Chicago Public Library.

North Stage - (2:30 p.m.) - Haunted Muses: Reading featuring John Duffy, *A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing*, Bruce Owens Grimm, *It Came from the Closet: Queer Reflections on Horror*, Dionne Irving, *The Islands*, Ananda Lima, *Mother/land*, Sandra A. Miller, *Wednesdays at One*, and Jami Nakamura Lin, *The Night Parade*.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - (2:30 p.m.) - Hollywood Women - Bárbara Mujica, *Miss del Río: A Novel of Dolores del Río, the First Major Latina Star in Hollywood* and Kathleen Rooney, *From Dust to Stardust* in conversation with Donna Seaman.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - The Language of Lakes and Rivers Poetry Reading - Dina Elenbogen, *Shore: poems*, Kathryn Haydon, *Unsalted Blue Sunrise: Poems of Lake Michigan*, and Joni Wallace, *Landscape with Missing River*. Emceed by Virginia Bell.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Live Podcast Recording of *First Draft: A Dialogue on Writing*. Antoine Wilson, *Mouth to Mouth* in conversation with Mitzi Rapkin, Host.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - The Short Story and the Enigma of the Everyday - Laura Adamczyk, *Island City* and Christine Sneed, *Direct Sunlight: Stories* in conversation with Jarrett Neal.

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Center Stage - (3:30 p.m.) - Comics: Inheriting Legacy - Eve L. Ewing and Julian Randall in conversation with Terry Gant, Third Coast Comics.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Civil Rights - Samuel Freedman, *Into the Bright Sunshine: Young Hubert Humphrey and the Fight for Civil Rights* in conversation with Alex Kotlowitz.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Dave Eggers, *The Eyes and the Impossible* in conversation with Jennifer Steele, 826CHI.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - Writing Humor - Eden Robins, *When Franny Stands Up* and Julie Schumacher, *The English Experience* in conversation with Kasey Evans.

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Center Stage - (4:30 p.m.) - Story Jam - Featuring Nestor Gomez, Archy Jamjun, Kory May, and Carmenita Peoples. Improvised songs by Xoe Wise. Hosted by Stephanie Rogers, Producer.

North Stage - Reclaiming the Narrative: Empowering Women Through Poetry - A reading and discussion featuring Suzanne Frischkorn, Simone Muench, and Melissa Studdard. Emceed and moderated by Ruben Quesada.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Zachary Zane, *Boyslut: A Memoir and Manifesto* in conversation with Matt Faries, Unabridged Bookstore.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Exhibit B Reading - Faylita Hicks, Nakiyah T.M. Jordan, Daniel Borzutzky, and James Stewart III. Emceed by Ian Eric Wojcikiewicz.

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North Stage - Writing After Loss - Eileen Hamra, *Time To Fly: Life and Love After Loss*; Jim Borchers, Kim Jockl and Melody Smith, *Safe Landing* in conversation with Chris O'Brien.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - *Poetry Unbound: Pádraig Ó Tuama* in conversation with Charif Shanahan, *Trace Evidence*. Reading and discussion. Sponsored by Greater Reach Consulting.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - The Black Horror Experience - Robin R. Means Coleman, *The Black Guy Dies First: Black Horror Cinema from Fodder to Oscar* and Novotny Lawrence, *Blaxploitation* in conversation with Gerald Butters.

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Jack Bender, Director (*Lost*, *Mr. Mercedes*, *Game of Thrones*), Artist, Storyteller.

10 a.m.

Center Stage - Children's Programming - All The Feels: Reading and Draw-Along with Author and Illustrator DJ Corchin, *The I Feel...* Children's Book Series on Emotions.

North Stage - Readings from New Memoirs and Essay Collections - Featuring Cris Mazza, *It's No Puzzle: A Memoir in Artifact*, Freda Love Smith, *I Quit Everything: How One Woman's Addiction to Quitting Helped Her Confront Bad Habits and Embrace Midlife*, Tony Trigilio, *Craft: A Memoir* and S. L. Wisenberg, *The Wandering Womb: Essays in Search of Home*. Emceed by J-L Deher Lesaint.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Christina Ward, *Holy Food: How Cults, Communes, and Religious Movements Influenced What We Eat* and Colleen Taylor Sen, Culinary Historian in conversation with Sara Connell.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. – (10:20 a.m.) Melanie Newport, *This Is My Jail: Local Politics and the Rise of Mass Incarceration* in conversation with Amanda Klonsky.

Sunday, September 10

11 a.m.

Center Stage - Children's Programming - Drag Story Hour Chicago featuring Mrs. Yuka.

North Stage - The Power of Story: How Stories Change the Lives of Readers and the Lives of Those Who Write Them - Reading and discussion featuring Rena Barron, *Master of Souls*, Gloria Chao, *When You Wish Upon a Lantern*, Marie Myung-Ok Lee, *Hurt You*, and Miranda Sun, *If I Have to Be Haunted* in conversation with Samira Ahmed.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Gary Saul Morson, *Wonder Confronts Certainty: Russian Writers on the Timeless Questions and Why Their Answers Matter* in conversation with Andrew Reynolds, Slavic Studies at UW-Madison.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. – (11:10 a.m.) Lance Williams, *King David and Boss Daley: The Black Disciples, Mayor Daley, and Chicago on the Edge* in conversation with Leigh Giangreco, *Crain's*.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Rev. Amity Carrubba in conversation with Lori Erickson, *Every Step is Home: A Spiritual Geography from Appalachia to Alaska*.

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12 p.m.

Center Stage - Covering Chicago's Southwest Side - Gregory Pratt, City Hall reporter at *Chicago Tribune* and Laura Rodríguez Presa, Community Reporter at *Chicago Tribune* in conversation with Mike Amezcua, Georgetown.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Britney Daniels, *Journal of a Black Queer Nurse* in conversation with Christine Nwaezeapu.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Jena Friedman, *Not Funny: Essays on Life, Comedy, Culture, Et Cetera* in conversation with Lindsay Hunter.

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1 p.m.

Center Stage - Taking a Bite Out of the Heartland - Monica Eng and David Hammond, *Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites* and Chef Paul Fehribach, *Midwestern Food: A Chef's Guide to the Surprising History of a Great American Cuisine, with More than 100 Tasty Recipes* in conversation with Louisa Chu, *Chicago Tribune*.

North Stage - Steven Thrasher, *The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll When Inequality and Disease Collide* and Dr. Selwyn O. Rogers, Professor of Surgery at UChicago Medicine in conversation with Miles Harvey.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Going the Distance: Two writers – Ana Castillo, *Doña Cleanwell Leaves Home* and Reginald Gibbons, *Sweetbitter* - read from their latest work and talk about finding longevity in creative writing and the arts. Conversation moderated by Richard Guzman. Presented by *Hypertext* and The Guild Complex.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Literature and Poetry in Contemporary Politics - Elizabeth Strauss Friedman, *The Lost Positive*; New Mexico State Senator Bill O'Neill, *The Definition of Empty*, and professor David Masciotra, *I Am Somebody: Why Jesse Jackson Matters* in conversation with Ben Tanzer, *This Podcast Will Change Your Life*.

Sunday, September 10

2 p.m.

Center Stage - A Literary Mash Up - Presented by The Guild Complex, *Hypertext*, and *RHINO Poetry*. Featuring Nazifa Islam, Sahar Mustafah, Cheryl Dyer, Luis Tubens, Timothy David Rey, and Jameka Williams. Emceed by Virginia Bell, Andrea Change, and Chris Rice.

North Stage - 2 p.m. Chilling Summer Reads from Chicago Crime Writers - Susanna Calkins, *Death Among the Ruins*, Lina Chern, *Play the Fool*, Tracy Clark, *Hide* and Mia P. Manansala, *Blackmail and Bibingka* in conversation with Lori Rader-Day, Award-Winning Crime Writer.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - The Poets Laureate - A poetry reading and discussion featuring Nandi Comer, 2023 Michigan Poet Laureate; Angela Jackson, 2005 Illinois Poet Laureate; avery r. young, 2023 Inaugural Chicago Poet Laureate. Emceed and moderated by Parneshia Jones, Northwestern University Press.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Quitting - Julia Keller, *Quitting: A Life Strategy: The Myth of Perseverance—and How the New Science of Giving Up Can Set You Free* in conversation with Elizabeth Taylor.

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Center Stage - (3:30 p.m.) - Children's Programming - *Can You Dance Like a Peacock?* - Reading and Dance with Rekha Rajan.

North Stage - Poetry Reading and Discussion - Mary Jo Bang, *A Film in Which I Play Everyone* and Timothy Donnelly, *Chariot* in conversation with Barbara Egel.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Rebecca Makkai, *I Have Some Questions for You* in conversation with Gina Frangello.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Sara Petersen, *Momfluenced: Inside the Maddening, Picture-Perfect World of Mommy Influencer Culture* in conversation with Adrienne Gunn.

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Center Stage - Taking Back the Narrative - Ruchira Gupta, *I Kick and I Fly* and Erin Keane, *Runaway* in conversation with Anne K. Ream.

North Stage - Kazim Ali, *Sukun: New and Selected Poems* in conversation with Kenyatta Rogers.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Dave Hoekstra, *Beacons in the Darkness: Hope and Transformation Among America's Community Newspapers* in conversation with Arionne Nettles.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Burning Down the System - Mo Ryan, *Burn It Down: Power, Complicity, and a Call for Change in Hollywood* in conversation with Mikki Kendall, *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot*.

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5 p.m.

Center Stage - Tod Goldberg, *Gangsters Don't Die* in conversation with Rob Roberge.

North Stage - Desire - Jenny Fran Davis, *Dyette* and Zhana Slor, *Breakfall* in conversation with LaTanya Lane.

Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage - Devorah Heitner, *Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World* in conversation with Heidi Stevens.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Rachel Shteir, *Betty Friedan: Magnificent Disrupter* in conversation with Amy Yee.